

SENATOR WITHEM: I'm at this point asking if he's...if we know where he might be so I could know whether or not I should object to proceeding without his being here.

SPEAKER BAACK: The last word we had is he is en route to the Chamber.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay, would it be acceptable if I'd request that the roll call be reversed then so that...?

SPEAKER BAACK: It would be acceptable.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay, I'll do that, and proceed then.

SPEAKER BAACK: Mr. Clerk, call the roll in reverse order please.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 1750 of the Legislative Journal.) 13 ayes, 29 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment fails. The call is raised. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is by Senator Wickersham. Senator Wickersham is excused, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: We will pass over the amendment. Is someone authorized to handle that amendment? Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, I believe I am. I hope I am in that case. Senator Wickersham did ask me to offer this amendment. If you recall, this morning we made a policy choice that unlike the way the bill was currently drafted which forbade a Class I to affiliate part of its property with a Class II or III school district and then have another part of it join a Class VI. We said we were going to allow that policy change with an amendment that I offered this morning. What Senator Wickersham has done is he has gone through the remainder of the statutes dealing with this whole question and he makes this same policy choice consistent with the language in other portions of the statute, including that portion dealing with affiliation petitions, enforcement provisions of the county committees, dissolution of Class I districts following affiliation, definition of a reorganization, computation of the common levy, reporting of